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THE COCONINO BILL.

Several days ago an "open letter" was addressed to the members of the Legislature upon the Coconino bill, wherein an especially vicious attack was made upon Hon. W. G. Stewart, because that gentleman sought to have the bill amended so as to do away with the special election feature and thus save a great bill of expense to the taxpayers. In this we believe Mr. Stewart is working in the best interests of the people, for in the creation of a new county expenses are incurred that place more or less of a burden upon the people, and whenever a saving can be made it is for the best interest of all. This letter charges Mr. Stewart with being the leader of a clique which proposes to get control of the offices, and affirms that he and the many other gentlemen working with him here are not representative citizens.

As to the first charge it is easily disposed of by the fact that by the proposed amendment Governor Irwin would have the appointment of the officials, and thus far the Governor gives evidence that he is not a man to be controlled otherwise than by his own sense of right and justice.

The second charge is equally false with the first. In the election last fall Mr. Stewart received 321 votes of the 449 cast in Flagstaff, his own town, running over 100 votes ahead of his ticket.

Again this committee says in its open letter, that if it can't have the bill passed its way it won't want the county created, thus showing a dog-in-the-manger spirit, not creditable to enterprising and progressive citizens. This rule or ruin spirit they have shown is something that can not be charged to Mr. Stewart in all the work he has done for Coconino County. Almost alone and unaided he made the fight before the Legislature two years ago, and the Republic can assert upon the best of information from Flagstaff, that he and his co-laborers represent the majority of the people of Coconino County. As evidence of this we quote from a letter just received in answer to queries sent The Republican's representative in Flagstaff:

"The alleged 'open letter' has not been published in the home papers, and after diligent inquiry I have been unable to find any person who has possession of or who has seen a copy of it. I infer that the letter, notwithstanding its alleged open character, has been kept out of the Flagstaff papers either because the editors desired to publish it or because its authors desired to deprive those attacked of any opportunity of exposing the falsehoods contained in the letter until their object had been attained. As to the charge that 'Stewart and his friends are not representative citizens,' I have only to say that at the last general election Mr. Stewart was a candidate for the council, and notwithstanding the opposition of several of the members of the committee, who signed the 'open letter,' received a majority of 200 in Flagstaff precinct.

The statement that Mr. Stewart is seeking to hold office until the next general election is not only false, but known to be false by all who are so, for before the committee was finally announced, members of the committee informed Mr. Stewart and his law partner, Mr. Doe, that it was the wish of the committee to recommend one or the other of the firm for District Attorney. Both refused to accept, as Mr. Doe informed me, as their private business was such that they could not afford to take the office if tendered.

On the other hand I find the committee signing this 'open letter' signed as follows: D. M. Rioridan for appointment on the Board of Supervisors; J. F. Dugas for the same position; a brother to David Babbit, of the committee, for County Treasurer; F. B. Nellie, of the committee, for sheriff; a clerk C. E. Joyce, of the committee, for the third supervisor; a brother-in-law of T. G. Norris, of the committee, is listed for Probate Judge. Mr. Hoskins, another member of the committee, desired the appointment as Treasurer either for himself or Mr. Vortie, who is in the bank with him, but, as Mr. Hoskins tells it, owing to the absence of two of his friends at the time the committee decided the matter, Mr. Babbit was placed on the slate in his stead. It will thus be seen that the committee itself is slow in preparing to divide the loaves and fishes in the interests of the 'dear people.'

This letter is from one of the most conservative citizens of Flagstaff and shows plainly that the present attack is simply for the purpose of personal gain by the persons making it. Let the bill be amended to do away with the special election and thus save a heavy bill of expense for the new county.

RAILROAD EXEMPTION.

Never, perhaps, in the history of any State or Territory, certainly not in the history of Arizona, has a legislative proposition received such universal endorsement as has been accorded the proposal to exempt from taxation, for a number of years, all railroads built during a certain period. Originally proposed by The Republican, this important measure is today advocated by not only every newspaper in Arizona, but by every community, while the individuals opposed to it are men actuated by self-interest.

While legislating on the subject it will be well for the Legislature, though, to make the concession a conditional one. Not in the way as is provided by one bill, of granting exemption for a term of years in proportion to the cost of the roads, so that roads costing \$5000 or less per mile

would be exempted for only five years, roads costing \$10,000 or less per mile for ten years, and so on, for to make such conditions would be to place the southern portions of the Territory at a great disadvantage. For example, the inducement to build in the Salt River Valley, where the average cost of construction would not exceed \$5000 per mile, would be far less than to build in a section equally promising, where by the expenditure of a few thousand dollars more, exemption could be secured for a score of years. The cost of the road should not figure in the matter in any way whatever. Let the exemption be for twenty years and let the only condition attached to it be that the roads shall be completed in not less than eighteen months.

Already the Salt River Valley has been fooled and cajoled on the subject of railroad building for nearly three years without a single spadeful of earth being turned or a single tie laid. Every effort has been made to favor and forward one project, which has not shown as yet any symptoms of materializing. Let this cease, and let the law granting twenty years exemption to the first man or corporation building and completing a north and south railroad within eighteen months, be passed. By doing so the door will be opened to every one—the field will have no favorites. It is immaterial who builds the road so long as the people of the Salt River Valley obtain it. With such a law, whoever intend to avail themselves of it would have to commence work at once and push it vigorously through, and long before the meeting of the next Congress we would be in a position to know just what action should be taken towards securing Congressional relief in the premises if the exemption law proves of no value. This is important, for before thirty days will have expired the present Congress will have adjourned, and no action can possibly be taken before December. That Congress will act on any of the subsidy bills at the present session is most improbable. This makes the passage of the proposed exemption law doubly important. Let the exemption law pass, and let it be for twenty years, conditioned on the completion of all roads affected by it within eighteen months. If no road is built under it, we lose nothing, and if one is, we save a big fat subsidy.

MAKING NEW COUNTIES.

Since the very first movement towards the establishment of new counties in Arizona, people of the sections desirous of being set aside have been met by the cry, "O, you are not ready for a new county." It was so when Uncle Lum (Gray) and others went up to Prescott to have Maricopa County established. So it was in the creation of Pinal and Gila. So it was when the attempt was made to create Coconino County two years ago, and not until the people of that part of Yavapai showed that they had sufficient strength to secure a new county despite opposition was an amicable arrangement made between them and the other part of the county. So it is now when the people of portions of Cochise and Graham Counties come asking again for the creation of a new county they are met by the old stereotyped cry, "O, you are not ready for it."

The people of the section desirous of forming a new county assert that they are ready for it, and The Republican believes they speak truly. There is no gainsaying the fact that with the enormous area of the Territory and the limited number of counties, that the counties are too large, and whenever any considerable portion believes it has sufficient population and taxable property for a new county, the request should be granted. In almost every county at present, men living in remote districts have to travel from 100 to 200 miles to reach the county seat. Officers of the law have to make similar trips in serving subpoenas and making arrests. This, in many cases makes the burdens of government more severe upon the taxpayer in one large county than they would be if the county were cut in two.

In the case of the proposed County of Miles the residents of all the country proposed to be included within its borders are naturally tributary to the proposed county seat. They are so situated that a hardship results from the present county boundaries, compelling them to go either to Tombstone or to Solomonville for all county business, and their application for a new county should be given the earnest attention it deserves, and, in justice to all, granted at an early day.

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Articles of Incorporation

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ARTICLE I.

The name adopted and assumed by this corporation and by which it shall be known is "THE FRENCH CREEK MINING AND WATER STORAGE COMPANY," and its principal place of transacting business is in the City of Phoenix, in the County of Maricopa and Territory of Arizona, and the time of the commencement of this corporation shall be the day of the filing of these articles in the office of the County Recorder of the County of Maricopa and Yavapai, in the Territory of Arizona, and the termination thereof shall be twenty-five years thereafter.

ARTICLE II.

The enterprises, businesses, pursuits and occupations in which this corporation proposes to engage are those of constructing, maintaining and operating reservoirs, dams, canals, ditches and waterways, of whatever description may be deemed necessary, in Yavapai County, Territory of Arizona, for the purpose of hydraulic mining, placer mining, gold washing, ground sluicing, quartz milling and mining; agricultural and stock raising purposes; the purchase and sale of mining claims, livers, agricultural or other lands; the leasing, sub-leasing, letting or sub-letting of water, mining claims, agricultural or other lands; constructing buildings, sheds, workshops or other enclosures; selling, renting, or leasing the same; laying out and constructing townships and roads connecting therewith, and such other lawful occupations as the company may see fit or deem advisable to undertake.

ARTICLE III.

The place where this corporation proposes to have its principal office and place of business is in the City of Phoenix, in the Territory of Arizona.

ARTICLE IV.

The amount of the capital stock of this corporation shall be two hundred thousand (\$200,000) dollars, divided into two hundred thousand (200,000) shares, of the par value of one dollar each, and the time and the conditions upon which it is to be paid are as follows, viz: From time to time after the same shall be subscribed, as the Board of Directors shall by resolution or order prescribe.

ARTICLE V.

The amount of the par value of each share in the capital stock of this corporation shall be one dollar.

ARTICLE VI.

The highest amount of indebtedness or liability, direct or contingent, to which this corporation is at any time to subject itself shall not exceed the sum of one hundred thousand (\$100,000) dollars.

ARTICLE VII.

The stockholders in this corporation and their private property shall be exempt from the corporate debts of this corporation.

ARTICLE VIII.

The affairs of this corporation are to be and they shall be conducted by a Board of Directors consisting of seven persons, who shall be elected by the stockholders from among their number at their regular annual meeting to be held on the first Monday of November of each year.

The following named persons, who are subscribers to the capital stock of this corporation, shall constitute the Board of Directors until their successors are elected and qualified, which shall be at the first annual meeting of the stockholders of this corporation, viz: Alfred Borwick, August G. Meisner, Daniel E. Keating, Archibald Borwick, Horatio H. Wharton, William C. Thairwall, Cecil B. Ayton.

ARTICLE IX.

The Board of Directors of this corporation shall have the right and power to borrow money and contract to repay the same at such time as they may see fit, and with such rates of interest as to them may be deemed expedient or advisable, and to secure the payment of any such loan may pledge, mortgage or hypothecate the whole or any part of the corporate property, and such Board of Directors shall have the power to establish by-laws and make all rules and regulations deemed expedient for the management of the affairs and the offices of said corporation.

ARTICLE X.

No person shall be eligible to the office of Director unless he is a stockholder in this corporation, and upon ceasing to be a stockholder he shall cease to be a Director.

ARTICLE XI.

These articles of incorporation may be amended by a majority vote of the stockholders at any annual or special meeting called for that purpose, after sufficient notice shall have been given to each Director, and sufficient time shall have elapsed necessary for him to send in his proxies or be present personally.

ARTICLE XII.

Each share of the capital stock of this corporation shall be entitled to one vote at any annual or special meeting of the stockholders, and the highest number of votes shall be decisive, and voting by proxy shall be allowed on compliance with the conditions stated in the by-laws.

In witness whereof we have hereunto set our hands this eighth day of January, A. D., 1891.

DANIEL E. KEATING,
HORATIO H. WHARTON,
ALFRED BORWICK.

Acknowledgment.

Before me, Henry L. Wharton, a Notary Public in and for said county, on this day personally appeared Daniel E. Keating, Horatio H. Wharton and Alfred Borwick, known to me to be the persons whose names are subscribed to the foregoing instrument, and acknowledged to me that they executed the same for the purposes and consideration therein expressed.

Given under my hand and seal of office, this eighth day of January, 1891.

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